REMARKS

Applicants' representative initiated an interview with Examiner Nguyen to

discuss canceled claims 26-28. It was agreed during the interview that the enclosed 312

amendment, which adds new claims 29-31 corresponding to canceled claims 26-28, will

be entered. Applicants and Applicants' representative would like to thank Examiner

Nguyen for his courtesy in conducting the interview and for his assistance in resolving

issues.

No extension of time is believed necessary. Nonetheless, to the extent necessary,

a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge

any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of

time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit

account.

Respectfully submitted,

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